

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Anchorage

Anchorage Municipality is Alaska's largest city. More than 40 percent of the state's population resides within its boundaries. It is the state's financial, commercial, and cultural center as well as the major transportation hub. The Port of Anchorage, the Ted Stevens International Airport, the Alaska Railroad, and the highway system all combine to make the city Alaska's primary distributor of goods. Anchorage is gradually becoming less industrialized and is broadening its economic landscape with more retail trade and a larger service sector. It possesses the wide range of economic and cultural opportunities associated with major metropolitan areas. Anchorage is part of the Anchorage Municipality.

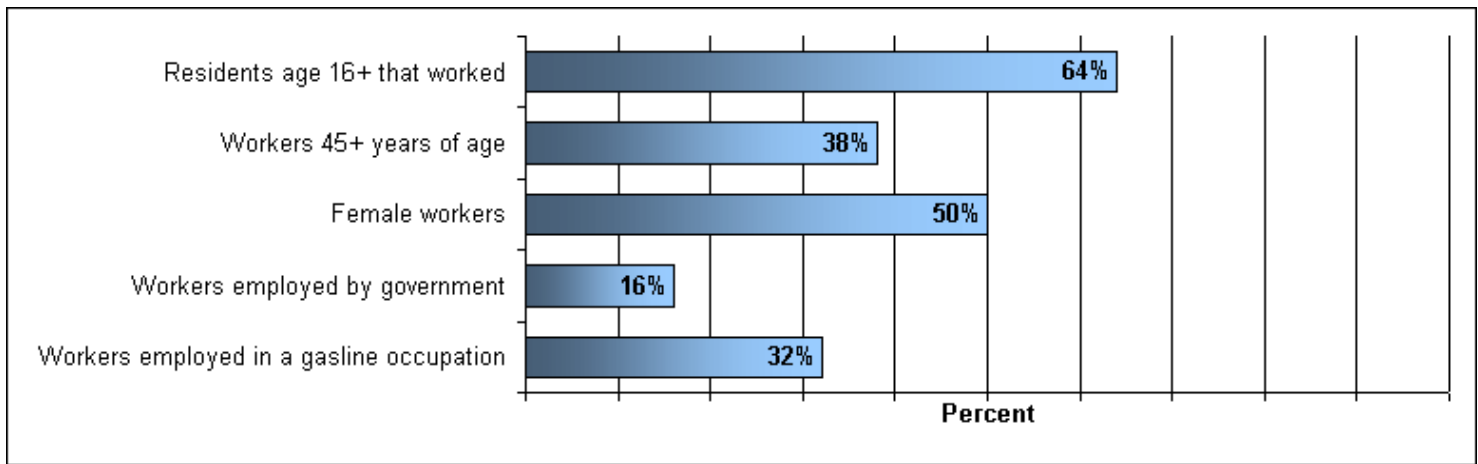
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 284,994, a gain of about 24,711 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 64 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 23 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Anchorage Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	197,551	Total wages	\$5,065,140,833
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	127,415	Private	106,760
Male	63,473	State government	8,920
Female	63,804	Local government	11,747
Age 45+	48,002	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	32,978	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	114,812
		Percent working all 4 quarters	72.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	12,546	Some construction	17,235
		At least 1 year construction	10,513
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	7,009
New hires	44,151	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	83,323

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## 2008 Residents

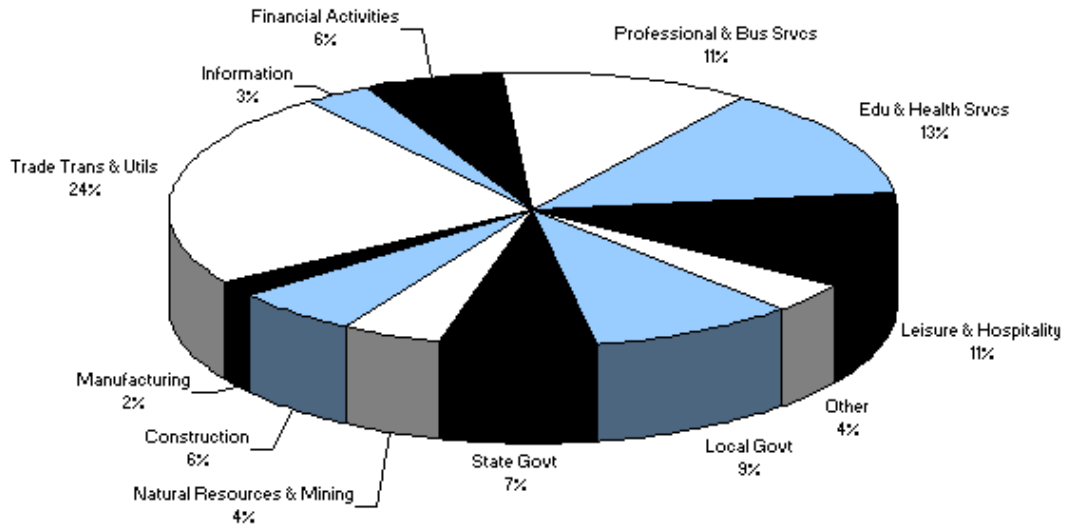


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	5,299	56.3%	1,333	985
Cashiers	3,258	64.6%	667	429
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	3,065	78.8%	1,140	817
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	2,679	78.3%	922	640
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,669	54.1%	238	157
Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>	1,987	90.8%	1,107	800
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	1,871	86.8%	804	539
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	1,867	89.9%	820	580
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	1,796	35.8%	901	655
Waiters and Waitresses	1,750	70.2%	341	202
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	1,649	12.8%	365	223
General and Operations Managers	1,565	37.3%	877	637
Customer Service Representatives	1,420	74.3%	393	281
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education <b>HOT JOB</b>	1,405	82.8%	678	455
Receptionists and Information Clerks <b>AGIA</b>	1,372	90.9%	343	237
Transportation Workers, All Other	1,290	29.4%	445	292
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	1,288	78.6%	555	371
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	1,281	9.2%	312	180
Managers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	1,149	45.9%	706	478
Teacher Assistants	1,138	88.7%	577	385

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	5,358	21.9%	2,401	1,631
Construction	7,351	14.3%	2,543	1,601
Manufacturing	2,192	28.5%	809	519
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	29,882	40.5%	10,021	6,706
Information	3,849	44.6%	1,499	980
Financial Activities	7,725	64.6%	2,665	1,824
Professional and Business Services	14,239	46.8%	5,265	3,586
Educational and Health Services	16,991	77.1%	6,792	4,784
Leisure and Hospitality	14,335	51.1%	3,135	2,093
State Government	8,919	54.7%	4,947	3,609
Local Government	11,746	62.9%	6,229	4,444
Other	4,643	59.2%	1,658	1,176
Unknown	185	56.5%	38	25

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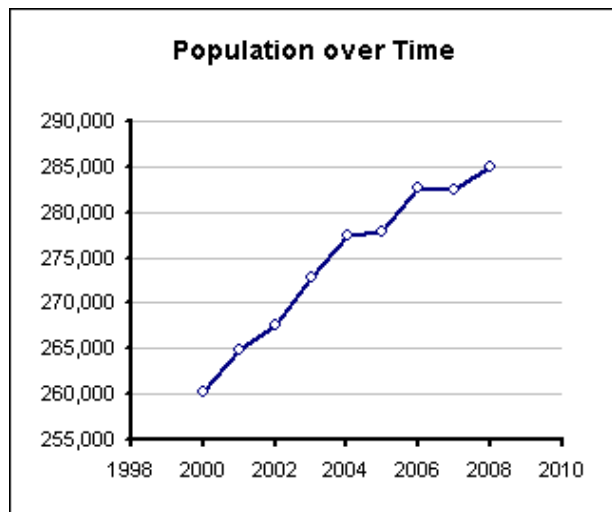
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	6,672	7,453	8,208	8,982

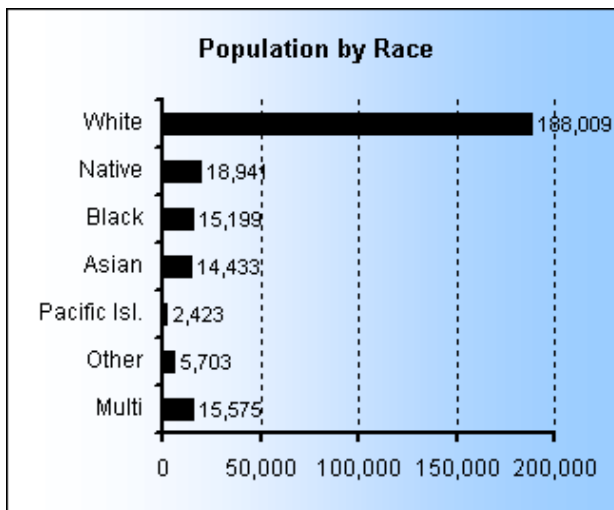
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Anch School District 9011
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Providence Hospital Payroll
Municipality of Anch Payroll
University of AK
Safeway Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
AK Native Tribal Health Consor
Nana Management Services LLC



2000 Census	
Median Age	32.4
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.7
Per Capita Income	\$25,287
Median Family Income	\$63,682
Median Household Income	\$55,546



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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